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SUBJECT: SPANISH EMPLOYERS AIM FOR UNITY

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS BASED ON STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE SPANISH EMPLOYER DELEGATION AT ILO GENEVA ARE ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A UNIFIED EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATION "BY JUNE 30TH". THE NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE A FUSION OF THE THREE MAJOR NATIONAL EMPLOYERS' GROUPS CURRENTLY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTENCE: A) THE AEI/AGRUPACION EMPRESARIAL INDEPENDIENTE (INDEPENDENT EMPLOYER GROUP), PRESIDENT: MAX MAZIN; B) THE CEE/CONFEDERACION EMPRESARIAL ESPANOLA (SPANISH EMPLOYER CONFEDERATION), PRESIDENT: AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN; AND C) THE NEWLY-FOUNDED (MAY 23) CONFEDERACION GENERAL ESPANOLA DE EMPRESARIOS (SPANISH GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS), PRESIDENT: AS YET UNDESIGATED. IN

RECOGNITION OF THE PRE-EMINENCE OF THESE EMPLOYERS' GROUPS, THE SPANISH EMPLOYER DELEGATION TO THE ILO WAS EVENLY SPLIT BETWEEN THE THREE (MADRID 4048).

2. ALTHOUGH THE AEI, CEE, AND CGEE HAVE ALL PROCLAIMED THEIR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FROM AND REJECTION OF THE OLD SSO (SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION) VERTICAL STRUCTURE, A NUMBER OF THE CGEE FOUNDERS ARE IN FACT CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE SSO. IT IS HOPED THAT THE PROPOSED UNIFIED EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATION (THE NAME WILL BE DECIDED UPON AT A CONSITUENT CONGRESS) WILL BE A MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SPOKESMAN.

3.IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LABATT BEFORE
THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, BOTH
RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN (CEE) AND VICENTE CASTELLANO SABATER
(CGEE LEADER AND HEAD OF SPANISH EMPLOYER DELEGATION) HAD
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPANISH EMPLOYERS BEING ABLE TO
SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN POST-ELECTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH
BOTH GOVERNMENT AND THE EMERGING FREE TRADE UNIONS.STABLER

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